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Juergen Reinold, et al.

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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 18, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed December 18, 2003. The applicants herewith petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the office action, the extended period of response thereby being set to expire Monday, April 19, 2004.

**Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.